Palace wholesale Drug Market in Delhi are as under:-

Year	No. of samples taken	No. of test reports received	No. of Samples found spurious	Percentage of spurious drugs
2001-02	394	389	07	1.54%
2002-03	748	655	—	Nil
2003-04 (up to 30.11.03)	320	11	—	Nil

From the above figures it cannot be said that Bhagirath Palace in Delhi is the Mecca of spurious drugs trade in the country.

The number of raids/special inspections made in Bhagirath Palace Market during the last three years are as under:

Year	No. of raids/SIP carried out	No. of firms raided	No. of samples drawn	No. of test reports received	No. of samples found spurious (up to 30-11-03)
2001-02	34	218	394	389	07
2002-03	43	307	748	655	Nil
2003-04 (up to 30.11.03)	20	126	320	11	Nil

Licenses of 133 dealers of Bhagirath Palace have been suspended for not maintaining purchase sales record.

Population Explosion

†553. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether population explosion is major hindrance in development policies; if so, the steps taken so far by Government for creating awareness/spreading education among public with regard to need of norms regarding population control and small family;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) the result thereof;

(c) the State which have fulfilled targets of population control; and

(d) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to stop financial assistance to such States so that they can achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Increasing population is a challenge before the country and impacts development policies. The Government is creating awareness among the public through mass and folk media and counseling to young couples for family welfare services through field level functionaries. Social mobilization for the programme has been undertaken through Zila Saksharata Samiti, Mahila Swasthya Sangha etc. A National Commitment Campaign has been launched for generating greater political commitment for the Family Welfare Programme.

(b) The Crude Birth Rate has declined from 30.2 to 25 during the period of 1990—2002. The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in the country, which was 6.0 in 1951, declined to 4.5 in 1981, 3.6 in 1991 and 2.9 as per NFHS 1998-99.

(c) The Department of Family Welfare has discontinued the target oriented approach followed earlier and adopted the Decentralized Participatory Planning Approach based on identification of community needs since 1st April, 1996.

(d) Does not arise.

AIIMS Status to Calcutta Medical College

554. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to upgrade the Calcutta Medical College to the status of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) functioning in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) A decision in principle has